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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

10 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA - SAN JOSE DIVISION

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12 LORI FORD, ) CASE NO. CV12-02061 HRL  
13 Plaintiff, )  
14 vs. )  
15 MOTEL 6; ACCORD BUSINESS AND ) DEFENDANT MOTEL 6 OPERATING  
16 LEISURE NORTH AMERICA, INC.; ACCOR ) L.P.'S REQUEST FOR NON-LEAD  
17 BUSINESS AND LEISURE NORTH ) COUNSEL TO ATTEND INITIAL CASE  
18 AMERICA, INC. dba Motel 6, and DOES 1 ) MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE;  
through 100, ) ~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER  
19 Defendants. )

20 Motel 6 Operating L.P. ("Defendant") requests that this Court permit Rebecca Wardell,  
21 counsel for Defendant, to attend the Initial Case Management Conference in place of Thomas  
22 Packer, lead counsel for Defendant. On July 24, 2012, Mr. Packer will be in Raleigh, North  
23 Carolina sitting for the first day of the North Carolina State Bar Examination and will be unable  
24 to attend the Initial Case Management Conference on that date.

25 Both Mr. Packer and Ms. Wardell represent Defendant in the above-captioned matter,  
26 and represent Defendant in other matters. While Mr. Packer is lead counsel for Defendant, Ms.  
27 Wardell is familiar with all aspects of this case and has been directly involved in this suit from its  
28 initiation in state court, including negotiating the parties' joint status conference statement with

1 plaintiffs' counsel. Additionally, Ms. Wardell represents Defendant in other actions. As such  
2 she is competent and capable to appear on behalf of Defendant at the Initial Case Management  
3 Conference in place of lead counsel. In the alternative, Defendant would request a brief  
4 continuance of the Conference, although defense counsel is confident that the Conference can  
5 proceed that all necessary issues can be addressed.

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7 Dated: July 17, 2012

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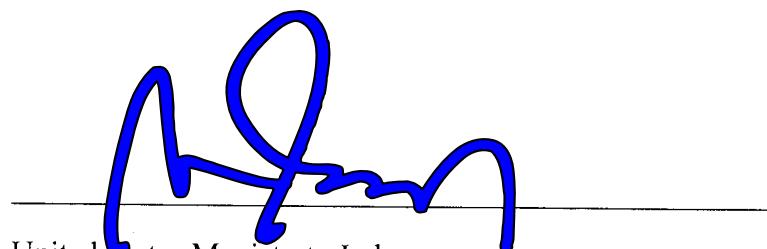
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Defendant Motel 6 Operating L.P.'s Request for Non-Lead Counsel to Attend Initial Case  
Management Conference is GRANTED. Rebecca Wardell may attend the Initial Case  
Management Conference in place of lead counsel Thomas Packer.

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Dated: July 18, 2012



United States Magistrate Judge  
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